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SUBJ: SENEGALESE PRESS REACTION TO OAU RECOGNITION OF  
MPLA AND COMMENTS ON USSR AID.

1. DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL IN FRONT-PAGE COMMENT FEB. 12 ON  
OAU RECOGNITION OF MPLA TERMS OAU'S ACTION "A JUST BUT HASTY  
DECISION." LE SOLEIL OBSERVES THAT MPLA DIPLOMATIC VICTORY  
CAME AS NO SURPRISE IN VIEW OF DIMINISHING WEIGHT OF  
UNITA/FNLA IN POLITICAL BALANCE DUE TO MAGNITUDE OF  
SOVIET-CUBAN ACTION IN ANGOLA AND "BENEVOLENT COMPLICITY"  
FROM WHICH LATTER HAD BENEFITTED IN AFRICA. ARTICLE STATES  
"IT SEEMS THAT THE DIE IS CAST IN ANGOLA" AND SAYS THERE IS  
NO DOUBT THAT, CONFORMING TO OAU CHARTER, RPA MUST BE AD-  
MITTED AS OAU MEMBER. HOWEVER, IT EXPRESSES ASTONISHMENT  
AT DEFECTIVE FORM BY WHICH SECRETARIAT HANDLED NOTIFICATION  
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OF ADMISSION. NEWSPAPER AGREES THAT IN NORMAL SITUATION

SECRETARIAT CAN INFORM CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION AS SOON AS MAJORITY OF STATES HAVE ACCEPTED IT, BUT ARGUES THAT IN CASE OF ANGOLA, WHERE THERE WERE TWO CANDIDATES AND WHERE PREVIOUS MOTION ON INADMISSIBILITY HAD BEEN MADE, DECISION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHOULD HAVE PRECEDED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. "WHY NOT HAVE WAITED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23?" ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT IT IS CERTAIN THAT SENEGAL, "LOYAL TO THE OAU CHARTER AND PRINCIPLES, WILL SUBMIT, AS ALWAYS, TO THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY. THE ESSENTIAL THING BEING THAT PROCEDURES BE RESPECTED, THAT DECISIONS BE IN THE HIGHER INTERESTS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE."

2. FEB. 13 LE SOLEIL FRONT-PAGES DETAILED STORY ON DEPT. OF DEFENSE REPORT ON USSR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING PAST FIVE YEARS. ARTICLE, CREDITED TO "NAP," NOTES THAT PENTAGON REPORT OMITTS MODEST SOVIET AID TO MAURITANIA, AND DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF QUALITY OF SOVIET MILITARY AID, MUCH OF WHICH IS SAID TO BE OBSOLETE. ARTICLE ALSO NOTES PRESENCE OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENTS IN AFRICA, WHOSE NUMBER IT SAYS IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO EVALUATE, "ALTHOUGH THE AMERICANS TRY TO DETERMINE IT AS A FUNCTION OF THE NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS OFFICIALLY AT POST... THEY ESTIMATE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SOVIET EMBASSY IN LUSAKA HAS BETWEEN 21 AND 29 KGB AGENTS." FIGURES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE FOR SOVIET AID TO AFRICAN STATES CORRESPOND WITH THOSE RELEASED BY DEPT. OF DEFENSE FEB. 6 AND CARRIED IN AFRICA FILE NUMBER 26. LE SOLEIL CARRIED PHOTO OF SOVIET ARMORED CAR CAPTURED BY FNLA ALONGSIDE ARTICLE. AGGREY

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